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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☐ E F T O  
☐ CLEAR

Date 2/2/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (174-1018) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
 Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
 BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, aka  
 Betty Friedan - VICTIM  
 BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION  
 OO: MINNEAPOLIS

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Re Minneapolis teletype to the Director, 2/2/77.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is one white envelope 6½" x 3½", addressed to "Marxian Sister", etc., postmarked "Saint Paul, MN 511, 29 Jan, 1977", and a white piece of paper, approximately 8" x 5", beginning "Marxian Slut", signed "LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN, Vietnam Veterans". Enclosed for New York is a copy of each of the above.

For the information of the Laboratory and Identification Division, BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, popularly known as BETTY FRIEDAN, a spokeswoman for womens liberation and for various other movements, received the enclosed letter at her New York City home during the afternoon of 2/1/77.

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MP 174-1016

Ms. FRIEDAN appeared in Minneapolis, MN, on 2/2/77, to speak at a local area department store concerning the Womens Equal Rights Amendment and other feminist related topics. Ms. FRIEDAN advised that she was born 2/4/21, at Peoria, Illinois, and her SSAN is 058-22-7862. She believes that she was fingerprinted during 1972 by the New York Metropolitan Police Department in connection with her election as a representative to the National Democratic Convention.

Request of the Bureau

Identification Division is requested to process enclosed letter for fingerprints of value.

Request of the Laboratory

Laboratory requested to compare enclosed envelope and letter with anonymous letter file and make comparisons as to type, model, etc. of typewriter used.

LEAD:

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will maintain contact with Ms. FRIEDAN's

[redacted] New York City 10023, telephone [redacted] for the receipt of any additional letters or threats.

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FM MINNEAPOLIS (174-1016) (P)

TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE

NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

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UNSUB, AKA, LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN, EXTORTION - BOMB THREAT,

OO: MP.

SECURITY SUPERINTENDENT, DAYTON'S COMPANY, MINNEAPOLIS,  
MINNESOTA, ADVISED THIS DATE BETTY FRIEDAN, <sup>- 2 victim</sup> WOMAN'S LIBERATION  
LEADER, WOULD APPEAR AT DAYTON'S COMPANY, FEBRUARY 2, 1977, TO  
SPEAK. FRIEDAN'S SECRETARY FROM NEW YORK CITY ADVISED THAT A  
LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN NEW YORK MAILED FROM ST. PAUL,  
MINNESOTA, WHICH INDICATED THAT A BOMB WOULD GO OFF WHERE FRIEDAN  
IS TO SPEAK TOMORROW.

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE SQUAD HAS BEEN  
NOTIFIED. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, MINNEAPOLIS,  
WILL BE NOTIFIED.

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NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY CONTACT VICTIM AT LINCOLN PLAZA,  
20 WEST 64TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE 212-799-4060,  
N.Y.  
AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE EXTORTION INVESTIGATION. WILL  
SUBMIT LETTER TO LABORATORY FOR LATENT FINGERPRINT AND OTHER  
APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION.

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Date: 2/2/77

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL *not*

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

☒ GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION☐ CRIMINAL SECTION☐ INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

From: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (174-1016) (P)

Subject: UNSUB, aka Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
 BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, aka  
 Betty Friedan,  
 BOMB THREAT, EXTORTION  
 OO: MINNEAPOLIS

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ DIH ☐ CRA-64☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF ☐ E☐ DAMV ☐ DAMV-FR ☐ CAA☐ AP ☐ IWFC ☐ CWAA ☐ FI☐ EID ☒ Bomb Threats ☐ Extremist Matters☐ White Hate ☐ Black

Summary of Complaint: A threatening letter was received in New York City by victim BETTY FRIEDAN, a leader of various women's rights organizations. The envelope, addressed to "Marxian Sister BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN", was postmarked St. Paul, Minn., 1/29/77. Contact with security personnel at Dayton's Department Store, the organization sponsoring Ms. FRIEDAN's visit to the Twin Cities and the site of her planned speech for 2/2/77, advised that they were canceling her appearance in order to avoid any possible violence. Minneapolis PD Bomb Squad searched Dayton's but found no suspicious devices. The following individuals and agencies were advised on the dates indicated by SA [redacted] of the MP Office:

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INDICES: ☒ Negative☐ See Summary

ACTION:

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2-Minneapolis

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☐ No further action being taken and☒ LHM enclosed☐ FD-376 (Enc. to LHM)☐ LHM being submitted☐ Report being submitted☐ Preliminary investigation instituted☐ Limited investigation instituted☒ Investigation continuing☒ Copy to:☒ US☒ Secret Service☐ ATF

Approved:

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Special Agent in Charge

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2/1/77 -- U. S. Secret Service, [REDACTED]

2/1/77 -- Minneapolis Police Department, Lt. [REDACTED] &  
Lt. [REDACTED]

2/1/77 -- Dayton's Department Store Security, GLEN DORNFELD

2/1/77 -- St. Paul Police Department, Detective [REDACTED]

2/2/77 -- AUSA MEL DICKSTEIN, Minneapolis





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 2, 1977

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. MP 174-1016

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Also Known As  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
Betty Naomi Goldstein Friedan-Victim

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☒ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available.

Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1) (RM)  
U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Enclosure(s) (1) (RM)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 2, 1977

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Also Known As  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN - VICTIM

On February 1, 1977, Betty Friedan, a spokeswoman for various women's rights organizations, received the attached envelope and letter at her New York City residence.

Ms. Friedan advised that her true name is Betty Naomi Goldstein Friedan, and that her date of birth is February 4, 1921. Ms. Friedan further advised that she was scheduled to appear at Dayton's Department Store, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at 12:00 Noon on February 2, 1977, in order to speak before a group of Twin Cities women. Her speech was concerning the Equal Rights Amendment and other feminist topics. Ms. Friedan stated that the name Lev Davidovich Bronstein is unfamiliar to her, and she has not received any letters of this nature in the past.

Contact with Glen Dornfeld, Security Superintendent, Dayton's Department Stores, Lieutenant [redacted] Minneapolis Police Department, and [redacted] U. S. Secret Service, was unproductive in an effort to identify anyone utilizing the name Lev Davidovich Bronstein.

The World Book Encyclopedia lists Lev Davidovich Bronstein as the true name of Leon Trotsky.

The Minneapolis Police Department afforded appropriate coverage of Dayton's Department Store and conducted a search in an attempt to locate any type of explosive or incendiary device, with negative results. Glen Dornfeld, Dayton's Security, advised that Ms. Friedan's appearance and speech had been canceled as a security precaution due to the bomb threat.

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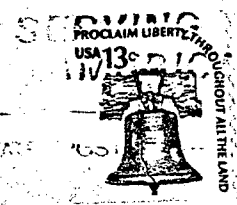
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Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN - VICTIM

Ms. Friedan's schedule, other than her appearance at Dayton's Department Store, was uninterrupted, and she was expected to depart the Twin Cities area during the evening of February 2, 1977.

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Feminist Marxist one and the Same



UNITED STATES

Marxian Sister

Betty Naomi Goldstein Frieden

One Lincoln Plaza

New York City,

New York

10023

EVIDENCE

Marxian Slut

Naomi Goldstein

You and your accomplice  
[redacted] we know what the M S  
stands for. That somebody on this side of  
the Atlantic knows what you are up to.

All you and your accomplice did was  
update the Marxian Manifesto. [redacted]  
was your Scape-goat for Karl Marx's crimes.  
A fellow Babylonian Jew by the way.

On Wednesday Feb. 2, 1977 you are to  
appear at Dayton's Auditorium in Minneapolis.  
A bomb will be waiting to go off.  
Remember we got Leon Trotsky  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein

Vietnam Veterans

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FM MINNEAPOLIS (174-1016) (P)

TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

NEW YORK ROUTINE

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UNSUB, AKA, LEV DAVIDOVICH <sup>Q</sup>BRONSTEIN; BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN  
FRIEDAN, AKA, BETTY <sup>Q</sup>FRIEDAN - VICTIM, BOMB THREAT, EXTORTION,

OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK,  
FEBRUARY 2, 1977.

ON FEBRUARY 3, 1977, [REDACTED] DAYTON'S PUBLIC  
RELATIONS OFFICE, ADVISED THAT MS. FRIEDAN HAD DEPARTED  
TWIN CITIES ABOARD NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES FLIGHT 468 AT  
7:00 PM, FEBRUARY 2, 1977. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THA  
NO FURTHER BOMB THREATS OR SUSPECTED CALLS HAD BEEN RECEIVED  
BY DAYTON'S OR BY MS. FRIEDAN.

MINNEAPOLIS IS CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AND WILL REPORT  
RESULTS.

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

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CHANGED. UNSUB, AKA - LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN; BETTY  
NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, AKA, BETTY FRIEDAN - VICTIM.

BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION. OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO ADD FULL TRUE NAME OF VICTIM  
AND TO INCLUDE THE CORRECT SPELLING OF SUBJECT LEV DAVIDOVICH  
BRONSTEIN. TITLE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS "UNSUB, AKA  
LEVDAVIDOVICH-BRONSTEIN, EXTORTION -BOMB THREAT".

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR NEW YORK,

FEBRUARY 1, 1977.

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VICTIM, MS FRIEDAN, ARRIVED MINNEAPOLIS EVENING OF  
FEBRUARY 1, 1977, WITHOUT INCIDENT. SHE IS CURRENTLY STAYING  
AT DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS HOTEL AND HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER  
THREATS. MS. FRIEDAN CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED AM OF

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PAGE TWO, MP 174-10L6, CLEAR

FEBRUARY 2, 1977, BY MINNEAPOLIS SPECIAL AGENT AND ADVISED THAT THE NAME LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN IS NOT FAMILIAR TO HER; HOWEVER, SHE STATED THAT SHE FEELS THAT THE LETTER IS DIRECTED TO HER DUE TO HER SPEAKING OUT IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL AND ISRAELI ACTIVITIES.

MS. FRIEDAN PROVIDED SPECIAL AGENTS, MINNEAPOLIS, WITH THE LETTER AND ENVELOPE STATING THAT SHE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO MEET WITH NEW YORK SPECIAL AGENTS FEBRUARY 1, 1977, DUE TO TRAVEL PLANS. TEXT OF LETTER DIRECTED TO VICTIM IS AS FOLLOWS:

"MARXIAN SLUT, NAOMI GOLDSTEIN. YOU AND YOUR ACCOMPLICE [REDACTED] WE KNOW WHAT THE M/S STANDS FOR. THAT SOMEBODY ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC KNOWS WHAT YOU ARE UP TO.

ALL YOU AND YOUR ACCOMPLICE DID WAS UPDATE THE MARXIAN MANIFESTO. [REDACTED] WAS YOUR SCAPE-GOAT FOR KARL MARXS CRIMES. A FELLOW BABYLONIAN JEW BY THE WAY.

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ON WEDNESDAY FEB. 2, 1977, YOU ARE TO APPEAR AT  
DAYTONS AUDITORIUM IN MINNEAPOLIS. A BOMB WILL BE WAITING  
TO GO OFF. REMEMBER WE GOT LEON TROTSKY

LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN  
VIETNAM VETERANS"

CONTACT MORNING OF FEBRUARY 2, 1977, WITH SECURITY  
PERSONNEL, DAYTON'S DEPARTMENT STORE, MINNEAPOLIS PD, AND  
ST. PAUL PD, DETERMINED THAT NO FURTHER THREATS, WRITTEN OR  
ORAL, HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY DAYTON'S. MR. GLEN DORNFELD,  
DAYTON'S SECURITY OFFICE, ADVISED THAT HIS STORE DOES HAVE  
A PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING BOMB THREATS AND THAT THE SWITCH-  
BOARD OPERATORS HAVE BEEN ALTERED FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF  
SUCH THREATS DURING MS. FRIEDAN'S SPEECH.

LT. [REDACTED], MINNEAPOLIS PD, INTELLIGENCE  
UNIT, ADVISED <sup>Additional</sup> ~~ADDED~~ SECURITY WILL BE PROVIDED TO  
DAYTON'S DURING MS. FRIEDAN'S SPEECH FEBRUARY 2, 1977, AT  
12 NOON, CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, AND THAT MINNEAPOLIS PD  
BOMB TECHNICIANS WILL BE ON HAND IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

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ORIGINAL EXTORTION LETTER AND ENVELOPE WILL BE FORWARDED  
TO LABORATORY THIS DATE <sup>UNDER</sup> ~~FOR~~ SEPARATE <sup>cover</sup> ~~VER~~.

<sup>Minneapolis</sup>  
1 ~~MINNEAPOLIS~~ AT MINNEAPOLIS. WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT  
WITH INTERESTED LOCAL AND FEDERAL AGENCIES.

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D-770208021

2/2/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (174-1016) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, aka  
Betty Friedan - VICTIM  
BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION.  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Minneapolis teletype to the Director, 2/2/77.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is one <sup>Q1</sup>white envelope 6 1/2" x 3 1/2" ~~addressed to "Marxian Sister..."~~ and a postmarked "Saint Paul, MN 551 PM 29 Jan. 1977" and a <sup>Q2</sup>white piece of paper, ~~approximately 8 1/2" x 5"~~, beginning "Marxian Slut..." signed "LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN, Vietnam Veterans" Enclosed for New York is a copy of each of the above.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **SAC, Minneapolis (174-1016)**

**March 10, 1977**

From: **Director, FBI**

FBI FILE NO.

**174-7445**

LAB. NO.

**D-770208021 SR**

*for file*  
Re: **UNSUB, aka  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, aka  
Betty Friedan - VICTIM;  
BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION**

**OO: Minneapolis**

Examination requested by: **Minneapolis**

Reference: **Airtel 2/2/77**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

*W. Collins*  
**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **SAC, Minneapolis (174-1016)****March 10, 1977**FBI FILE NO. **174-7445**LAB. NO. **D-770208021 SR**

UNSUB, aka  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
Re: **BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, aka**  
**Betty Friedan - VICTIM;**  
**BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION**

Specimens received **2/4/77**

- Q1** White envelope bearing typewritten address beginning "Marxian Sister . . ." postmarked "SAINT PAUL, MN 551 PM 29 JAN 1977"
- Q2** White piece of paper bearing typewriting beginning "Marxian Slut . . ." ending " . . . LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN, Vietnam Veterans"

**Result of examination:**

Specimens Q1 and Q2 have been searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The typewriting on specimens Q1 and Q2 most closely corresponds to a standard for Remington pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch.

No watermarks or indented writing of significance or other identifying physical characteristics were observed on specimens Q1 and Q2.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 have been photographed and will be returned with the results of the latent fingerprint examination.

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2/14/77  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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To: SAC, Minneapolis (174-1016) ✓

LATENT

UNSUB, aka  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
Re: BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, aka  
Betty Friedan - VICTIM;  
BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION ✓

FBI FILE NO. 174-7445-5

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OO: Minneapolis

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Examination requested by: Minneapolis

Reference: Airtel 2/2/77 ✓

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint ✓

Specimens received: 2/4/77

Q1 *beginning* White envelope bearing <sup>TYPE</sup>handwritten address  
"Marxian Sister . . . " postmarked "SAINT  
PAUL, MN 551 PM 29 JAN 1977"

Q2 White piece of paper bearing <sup>TYPE</sup>handwriting  
beginning "Marxian Slut . . . " <sup>signed ending</sup>  
" . . . LEV DAVIDOVICH, Vietnam Veterans"  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein Vietnam Veterans

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*Nothing else sign. noted  
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*Remington "10" (or 132?)  
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Q1 - Q2 have been photographed & will be returned with the result of the LFP Section

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254-10 26th March

Q1 5 74 - mounted alignment

Q2 5 74

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**2/14/77**  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

**NO LAB FILE**

To: **SAC, Minneapolis (174-1016)**

**LATENT**

Re: **UNSUB, aka**  
**Lev Davidovich Bronstein;**  
**BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, aka**  
**Betty Friedan - VICTIM;**  
**BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION**

FBI FILE NO.

**174-74455**

LAB. NO.

**D-770208021 SR**

YOUR NO.

**OO: Minneapolis**

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Examination requested by: **Minneapolis**

Reference: **Airtel 2/2/77**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Specimens received: **2/4/77**

- Q1** White envelope bearing handwritten address  
 "Marxian Sister . . . " postmarked "SAINT  
 PAUL, MN 551 PM 29 JAN 1977"
- Q2** White piece of paper bearing handwriting  
 beginning "Marxian Slut . . . " signed  
 " . . . LEV DAVIDOVICH, Vietnam Veterans"

**LFPS will process and return  
 the submitted evidence**

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**3/8/77**

*Specimen returned with LFPS report*

**3/17/77**



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RE: UNSUB, aka  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN,  
aka - VICTIM

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Original letter and envelope  
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## REPORT

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## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 174-1016  
 FBI FILE NO. 174-7445  
 LATENT CASE NO. B-44240

March 17, 1977

TO: SAC, Minneapolis

RE: UNSUB., AKA  
 LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN;  
 BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, AKA  
 BETTY FRIEDAN - VICTIM  
 BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 2/2/77  
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Minneapolis  
 SPECIMENS: Envelope, Q1  
 Piece of paper bearing handwriting, Q2

No latent prints of value were developed on the enclosed specimens, which are further described in a separate laboratory report.

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To: SAC, Minneapolis (174-1016)

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UNSUB, aka  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
Re: BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, aka  
Betty Friedan - VICTIM;  
BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION

OO: Minneapolis

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Name submitted for elimination purposes of:

BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, DOB: 2/4/21, POB: Peoria,  
Illinois, SSAN: 058-22-7862

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*reprojected min. no detected dev. -*  
*pro SD - no detected dev. -*  
*Specs identified - enclosed.*

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Examination completed 10:15 AM 3-14-77 Dictated 3-14-77

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION</b>	

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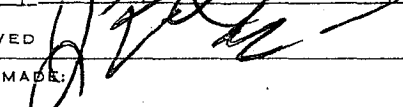
Minneapolis teletype to the Bureau, dated  
2/1/77;  
Minneapolis airtel to the Bureau, dated  
2/2/77.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 3/23/77, Detective Sergeant  Minneapolis Police Department, advised that his Department is satisfied that  is not the individual responsible for writing or mailing the bomb threat letter to BETTY FRIEDAN.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
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							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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Inasmuch as Ms. FRIEDAN has received no further threats and Minneapolis is unable to identify the writer of the letter, this matter is being closed.

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It is also the opinion of Minneapolis Case Agent that [ ] lacks the knowledge and general intelligence to write the letter which Ms. FRIEDAN received.

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Copies of this report are submitted to New York due to their interest in the investigation, inasmuch as Ms. FRIEDAN resides within their Division.

AUSA MEL I. DICKSTEIN, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was initially contacted on 2/2/77, regarding this matter and has been apprised periodically of the developments as the investigation progressed. He explained the opinion that while it was a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 844 (e) and/or Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 875 (c), that he did not believe any successful prosecution could be sustained inasmuch as this was an isolated threat and no action was apparently taken to carry out the threat. However, he requested that attempts be made to identify the writer of the letter if at all possible, and that he would not decline at this time.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Date: April 1, 1977

Field Office File #: 174-1016

Bureau File #: 174-7445

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALSO KNOWN AS  
LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN;  
BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN - VICTIM

Character: BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION

## Synopsis:

On 2/1/77, BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, popularly known as BETTY FRIEDAN, DOB 2/4/21, a spokeswoman for various women's rights organizations, received a threatening letter at her New York City residence. Ms. FRIEDAN was scheduled to appear at Dayton's Department Store, MP, MN, on 2/2/77, to speak before a group of Twin Cities women. The letter received by Ms. FRIEDAN threatened a bomb explosion at Dayton's if she in fact followed through with her planned speech. The letter was signed by LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN. Local, State and Federal authorities were notified and Dayton's security alerted. A search of the premises failed to locate any explosive or suspicious device. Dayton's management canceled Ms. FRIEDAN's speech during the morning of 2/2/77, to avoid any possible disturbance. Ms. FRIEDAN's schedule in the Minneapolis area was otherwise unaffected and she departed MP during the evening of 2/2/77, without further incident. One suspect, [REDACTED] was developed, however, subsequently eliminated. Ms. FRIEDAN returned to MP 3/23/77 for a speech before the Minnesota Press Club. This speech occurred without incident. No further threats or letters have been received. LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN has not been identified. No latent fingerprints were developed on the letter or envelope and no suspect was developed from the known anonymous letter file.

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DETAILS:

This matter was predicated upon a telephone call from GLEN DORNFELD, (former Special Agent, FBI), Security Superintendent, Dayton's Department Store, 700 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. DORNFELD advised that BETTY FRIEDAN, the noted Women's Movement leader and author, was scheduled to arrive at Minneapolis by a Northwest Orient Airlines flight #241 from New York City, New York. Ms. FRIEDAN was scheduled to speak at the 8th floor auditorium of Dayton's concerning the Equal Rights Amendment. Mr. DORNFELD stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called Dayton's and stated that Ms. FRIEDAN had received an extremely threatening letter concerning her forthcoming speech. The threat was basically that a bomb would go off if she did in fact speak in Minneapolis.

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BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, residence and business address One Lincoln Plaza, Apartment 40K, 20 West 64th Street, New York, New York, telephone number 212-799-4060, was interviewed at the Marquette Inn, Minneapolis, Minnesota, concerning a letter she had received in the mail at her home on February 1, 1977.

Mrs. FRIEDAN provided the original letter, type written on white paper, beginning "Marxian Slut, NAOMI GOLDSTEIN," and ending "LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN, Vietnam Veterans," and the envelope addressed to "Marxian Sister BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, One Lincoln Plaza, New York City, New York, 10023."

Mrs. FRIEDAN stated that she has gotten "crackpot, hate-type letters" in the past concerning her outspoken attitude on the Woman's Movement, Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), and Abortion Issues, which were vague-type letters saying, "we'll get you" and so forth. She stated that this was the first letter she had received which specified a bomb threat on her life and at a specific place, which is Dayton's 8th Floor Auditorium where she is lecturing today. She stated that she was quite upset having received this type of threat on her life. She received this letter on February 1, 1977, at approximately 11:00 a.m. at her residence.

In discussing the letter with Mrs. FRIEDAN, she stated that she did not think that because the writer used her full name, including maiden name, that it indicated someone who knew her from childhood. She advised that recently an article, stating her complete name, residence, and background, appeared in a Jewish Magazine entitled, "Lilith," and it is possible the writer could have gotten her name and address from this article. She stated that in addition to being outspoken and being considered one of the individuals who started the Woman's Movement, she has recently spoken out for Israel and against the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO). During the past year, she, along with LEONARD BERNSTEIN and others, signed a letter which appeared in the New York Times, speaking out in defense of Israel and protesting the PLO being admitted to the United Nations.

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Mrs. FRIEDAN stated that within the last few months an organization by the name of Briera started "courting her" and she later felt they were using her because she was so well known and Jewish. Recently she learned that the organization was anti-Semetic, and at a meeting she raised questions concerning the group, their purpose, and where they were getting their money to operate and became outspoken against the organization. She stated that she had no proof of this, but felt that the organization could be a front for the PLO. She stated that she is not normally connected with this type of movement, however within the last month had resisted the PLO movement.

Mrs. FRIEDAN stated that she felt this letter had anti-Semetic overtones and was sent to her possibly because of her being outspoken against the PLO and not so much her involvement in the Woman's Rights Movement. She stated that she never uses the name NAOMI GOLDSTEIN, and inasmuch as the name NAOMI is Jewish, she felt this was the reason that the letter was addressed to her in this manner.

Mrs. FRIEDAN stated that in addition to herself handling the letter, she believed that her secretary,

[redacted] Public Relations Department, Dayton's Department Store, Minneapolis, had handled the letter. She stated that her secretary made a copy of the letter before she left New York on February 1, 1977.

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She advised that she believes she was fingerprinted in 1972 by the New York Police Department on the West Side, when she was a delegate to the National Convention. She stated that she doubts [redacted] was ever fingerprinted and did not know if her secretary was ever fingerprinted.

[redacted] and is presently home for semester break. She stated that [redacted]

[redacted]  
telephone number is [redacted]

Mrs. FRIEDAN stated that on Saturday night, January 29, 1977, a bottle of liquor exploded in her liquor cabinet in the living room, and at the time she did not think anything of the incident. She stated that the bottles had been in the

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cabinet for approximately two months and that there were no recent purchases placed in the cabinet. She stated that she relates this information in view of the fact that she received the threatening letter on Tuesday at her residence and did not know if the two incidents were in anyway related.

Mrs. FRIEDAN stated that she was not returning to her residence until Friday, February 4, 1977; that she has a lecture scheduled for 8:00 p.m., February 3, 1977, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin and would be travelling to Madison, Wisconsin tonight. She would be staying the nights of February 2 and 3, 1977 with a friend,

[redacted] office  
telephone number [redacted] residence telephone number  
[redacted]

Mrs. FRIEDAN stated that in addition to her secretary [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] New York City, telephone number [redacted] would know her travel itinerary when she was not at her residence.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN
Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of birth	February 4, 1921
Place of birth	Peoria, Illinois
Residence	One Lincoln Plaza Apartment 40K 20 West 64th Street New York, New York 10023
Telephone number	212-799-4060
Height	5'3"
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Black - greying
Complexion	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Employment	Self-employed writer and lecturer
Marital status	Divorced
[redacted]	[redacted]
Arrests	Leonia, New Jersey None
Social Security	058-22-7862
Account Number	

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BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, Apartment 40K,  
1 Lincoln Plaza, 20 West 64th Street, New York, New York (NY),  
telephone number 212-799-4060, furnished the following in-  
formation at the above address:

Prior to the receipt, on February 1, 1977, of a threatening letter at her residence, Mrs. FRIEDAN had received no mail she would consider threatening in any matter. She has received the usual attempts to dissuade her from speaking regarding rights for women and ratification of the Equal Rights amendment. FRIEDAN has never received any anti-Semitic mail, although she has spoken out on a number of occasions for Israel. FRIEDAN does not consider herself an activist of any sort and is involved with no group. In fact, she has incurred the enmity of the extremists in the women's movement because she publicly disavowed their radical leftist position on several topics.

FRIEDAN recalled that a group called "Breira" had tried to get her endorsement, but FRIEDAN had an uneasy feeling about them and publicly questioned where their finances came from. On one occasion, approximately a year ago, FRIEDAN completed a speaking engagement at the University of Illinois and was told by a large lesbian group that they would get her.

Other than these instances, FRIEDAN was unable to recall any occasion or receipt of any mail or telephone call that she would consider threatening.

FRIEDAN then furnished the following descriptive information:

Date of Birth	February 4, 1921
Place of Birth	Peoria, Illinois
Occupation	Writer
Employment	Self-employed
Marital Status	Divorced

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The following individuals and agencies were advised by Special Agent [redacted] of the existence of the threatening letter sent to BETTY FRIEDAN and copies made available of that letter if they so desired:

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- February 1, 1977 - U.S. Secret Service,  
[redacted]
- February 1, 1977 - Minneapolis Police Department,  
Lieutenant [redacted] and  
Lieutenant [redacted]
- February 1, 1977 - Dayton's Department Store Security,  
GLEN DORNFELD
- February 1, 1977 - St. Paul Police Department,  
Detective [redacted]
- February 2, 1977 - Assistant U.S. Attorney  
MEL DICKSTEIN, Minneapolis

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on February 2, 1977:

Contact with GLEN DORNFELD, Security Superintendent, Dayton's Department Stores, Lieutenant [redacted] Minneapolis Police Department, and [redacted] U.S. Secret Service, were unproductive in an effort to identify anyone utilizing the name LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN.

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The World Book Encyclopedia lists LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN as the true name of LEON TROTSKY.

The Minneapolis Police Department afforded appropriate coverage of Dayton's Department Store and conducted a search in an attempt to locate any type of explosive or incendiary device, with negative results. GLEN DORNFELD, Dayton's Security, advised that Ms. FRIEDAN's appearance and speech had been canceled as a security precaution due to the bomb threat.

Ms. FRIEDAN's schedule, other than her appearance at Dayton's Department Store, was uninterrupted, and she was expected to depart the Twin Cities area during the evening of February 2, 1977.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Minneapolis (174-1016)

March 10, 1977

FBI FILE NO. 174-7445

UNSUB, aka

Lev Davidovich Bronstein;

LAB. NO.

D-770208021 SR

Re: BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, aka  
Betty Friedan - VICTIM;  
BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION

Specimens received 2/4/77

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- Q2 White piece of paper bearing typewriting beginning "Marxian Slut . . ." ending " . . . LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN, Vietnam Veterans"

## Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 have been searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The typewriting on specimens Q1 and Q2 most closely corresponds to a standard for Remington pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch.

No watermarks or indented writing of significance or other identifying physical characteristics were observed on specimens Q1 and Q2.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 have been photographed and will be returned with the results of the latent fingerprint examination.

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Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

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**IDENTIFICATION DIVISION****LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 174-1016  
FBI FILE NO. 174-7445  
LATENT CASE NO. B-44240

March 17, 1977

TO: SAC, Minneapolis

RE: UNSUB., AKA  
LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN;  
BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN FRIEDAN, AKA  
BETTY FRIEDAN - VICTIM  
BOMB THREAT - EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 2/2/77  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Minneapolis  
SPECIMENS: Envelope, Q1  
Piece of paper bearing handwriting, Q2

No latent prints of value were developed on the enclosed specimens, which are further described in a separate laboratory report.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard J. Ash".

Assistant Director, Identification Division

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Assistant Agent in Charge,  
Postal Inspection Service, Main Post Office, St. Paul,  
Minnesota, advised on February 22, 1977, that there is  
no way of telling where the letter sent to BETTY FRIEDAN  
was mailed from in St. Paul, Minnesota, as all letters  
are cancelled at the Main Post Office in St. Paul and  
not at any of the substations.

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The following investigation was conducted  
by Special Agent [ ] on February 22, 1977:

At approximately 11:40 a.m., February 2, 1977, GLEN DORNFELD, Dayton's Security, telephonically advised writer that a second bomb threat had been received. DORNFELD advised that at approximately 11:20 a.m., this date, an individual had approached a clerk in Dayton's and stated to her, you had better get that police unit away from Dayton's or the whole place will go up. DORNFELD advised that this individual was described as a white male, [ ] years of age, 5'10", black hair [ ] fair complected, wearing a denim jacket and denim jeans.

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At approximately 12:15 p.m., February 2, 1977, Lieutenant [ ] Minneapolis Police Department, telephonically advised writer that Minneapolis Police had arrested an individual inside of Dayton's whom they believed was responsible for the latest bomb threat. [ ] advised that this individual's name was [ ] and he was currently being booked into Hennepin County Jail.

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Special Agent [ ] contacted Hennepin County Deputy [ ] who provided the following description concerning [ ]

Name	[ ]
Race	[ ]
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[ ]
Height	5'9"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Tattoo	[ ]
Home address	[ ]
Current residence	Mankato, Minnesota [ ] with [ ]

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Lieutenant [ ] further advised that Dayton's was canceling BETTY FRIEDAN's speech at noon for security reasons. No bomb or bomb implements were located on [ ]

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[redacted] Dayton's Department Store, was contacted by Special Agent [redacted] at her place of employment and advised that this interview concerned her knowledge of a bomb threat during the morning of February 2, 1977. [redacted] immediately provided the following voluntary information:

[redacted] stated that she is an employee of Dayton's Department Store and works in the Shopping Service Department. On some infrequent occasions, she is called upon to relieve or to substitute in the Information Booth, located on the first floor of Dayton's. She stated that Wednesday, February 2, 1977, at approximately 11:00 AM, a white male, approximately [redacted] years of age, 165 pounds, 5'10" tall with black hair and [redacted] dressed in denim jacket and denim jeans, approached the Information Booth. [redacted] related the following conversation that took place with this individual:

He said, "Get me 7731."

She said, "That is not a Dayton's extension."

He said, impatiently, "No! Patrol 7731."

She said, "Patrol 7731?"

He said, impatiently, "No! No! Patrol 7731, the police that came in from outside!"

She said, "The police from 7731?"

He said, "I want to talk to them. I need to talk to them, the police from 7731."

She said; "I'll call the police department for you."

He said, "No! No! The police in the store. Before you do anything, this place could blow up!"

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[ ] stated that she then dialed the Security Office and told them that a man in the store needed to talk to the police. She handed the telephone over the glass partition to the individual and then went to help another customer. She stated that she did not overhear any of the conversation ~~once~~ she had given the individual the telephone and was not aware of the length of time that she was away from him or the duration of his telephone conversation. The next thing she was aware of was this individual was handing the telephone back to her over the glass partition and when she took the telephone, she overheard the girl on the telephone say, "Did you want me to transfer you, sir?" By this time, the individual was walking away from the Information Booth towards the main entrance on Nicollet between 8th and 9th Streets.

[ ] stated that she then hung up the telephone and thought nothing of this until several police officers came to her station and asked for a description and direction of travel of the individual she had just talked to.

[ ] advised that should she be needed for any further information, she could be contacted at her residence, [ ] home telephone [ ] or at her office at Dayton's, telephone [ ]

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[redacted] a clerical employee in the Security Office at Dayton's Department Store, was contacted by Special Agent [redacted] and advised that this interview concerned her knowledge of a bomb threat received on February 2, 1977. She immediately provided the following voluntary information:

[redacted] advised that on February 2, 1977, she had been at work at her desk in the Security Office located on the second floor of Dayton's at approximately 11:05 AM, when she received a telephone call from the Information Booth located on the first floor. She stated that the woman at the Information Desk stated,

"There is a man here, talk to him for me."

Next, a man came on the telephone who talked with a slight accent and said, "Get me those police in car 7731."

[redacted] responded, "Who are you?"

The man said very impatiently, "Never mind!" "Get me the police in the store unless you want the whole place to blow!"

She stated that she then responded, "Just a minute. I'll transfer you."

When the girl in the Information Booth came back on the line, she stated that the man was gone.

[redacted] stated that she immediately contacted a Dayton's Store detective and told him to go down to the Information Booth as a man had just made a bomb threat.

[redacted] stated that she was aware of the increased security activity in Dayton's due to the bomb threat toward BETTY FRIEDAN, and was naturally concerned when she received this second threat. She advised that should she be needed for any further information, she could be contacted at her home, [redacted] telephone [redacted], or at her office at Dayton's, [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted at the Hennepin County Jail by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, both verbally and by display of credentials. Special Agent [redacted] advised [redacted] of his constitutional rights as they appeared on a form entitled, "Interrogation-Advice of Rights." [redacted] read, stated that he understood his rights and signed the form. Special Agent [redacted] advised [redacted] that this interview was in regard to a possible violation of the Federal Extortion Act and concerned the making of bomb threats through the mail. [redacted] immediately provided the following voluntary information:

[redacted] advised that he is a resident of [redacted] located at [redacted] Mankato, Minnesota. He stated that he had traveled to the Minneapolis area by bus during the evening of Sunday, January 30, 1977, in order to visit [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.

[redacted] stated that on the morning of February 2, 1977, he had come downtown in order to purchase certain items at Dayton's Department Store, and while walking on Nicollet Mall in the vicinity of Dayton's, he noticed a police squad car, number 7731, and remembered that he wanted to talk to the police concerning information that he had overheard the night before at a McDonald's restaurant located on Hennepin Avenue. This information, [redacted] claimed, concerned a possible burglary and use of explosives in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. [redacted] stated that he stopped an individual on the street and asked that individual if he knew where the police officers from squad 7731 had gone. He was told that the officers had entered Dayton's Department Store.

[redacted] stated that he entered Dayton's and proceeded to the information booth located on the first floor of Dayton's and asked the woman there to

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by SA [redacted]  
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"get me 7731." [ ] stated that this woman was very confused and did not understand what he was asking for. She apparently felt that he wanted a telephone extension and handed him the telephone and dialed a number. [ ] continued by stating that a voice on the other end of the telephone asked him who he was and what he wanted. He responded by asking the unknown person on the telephone who they were and said he became very impatient when he could not receive what he thought was a satisfactory answer. [ ] stated that he may have said something to the effect of, "If you people don't hurry up, this whole place could blow down!"

[ ] denied that he was making any bomb threat either to Dayton's or to either of the Dayton's employees that he talked to. He stated that his only desire was to contact the police officers and to report to them what he felt may be a crime that he overheard the evening before. [ ] responded to a direct question that he knew a person by the name of BETTY FRIEDAN, but he could not identify who she was or what she did.

[ ] further denied that he had written or that he had mailed any type of letter to BETTY FRIEDAN or to anyone else in New York City. He specifically denied any knowledge of a typed letter accusing BETTY FRIEDAN of being a Marxian Sympathizer or of mailing such a letter to her. He further denied knowingly or intentionally making any type of a threat to anyone at Dayton's and was simply frustrated in that he could not make himself understood while at Dayton's.

The following descriptive information was taken from observation and interview:

Name  
Also known as  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Sex  
Race

[ ]

[ ] Minnesota  
Male

Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes

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5'9"  
160 pounds  
Black, thinning  
Brown

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Characteristics  
Social Security  
Account Number  
Employment  
Occupation  
Residence

[REDACTED]

Unemployed

[REDACTED]

Mankato, Minnesota

[REDACTED]

Education  
Religion  
Military

10th grade, GED

Catholic

None

Merchant Marine Service  
1962-1964

Previous admitted  
convictions

Aggravated assault, incar-  
cerated St. Cloud Reformatory  
1965-1969;  
Aggravated assault, incar-  
cerated Stillwater Penitentiary  
1972-1975

Friends and  
associates

[REDACTED]

Stillwater, Minnesota

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence, Apartment [redacted] by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI, both verbally and by display of credentials. Mr. [redacted] was advised that the nature of this interview concerned his knowledge of [redacted]. He immediately provided the following voluntary information:

[redacted] stated that [redacted]; however, they have not been particularly close and have associated only on an infrequent basis in the past ten years. [redacted] stated that [redacted] came to visit him at his apartment at approximately 6 p.m., Monday, January 31, 1977. At this time, [redacted] advised that he was in the Twin Cities area visiting and requested a place to stay for a day or two. [redacted] last saw [redacted] at approximately 1:30 or 2:00 during the afternoon of February 1, 1977 at Moby Dick's Bar, located on Hennepin Avenue. At this time, [redacted] told [redacted] that he was going to the residence of [redacted] who resides in the vicinity of [redacted]. The next time [redacted] heard from [redacted] was when [redacted] called him on February 2, 1977 and advised him that he was in Hennepin County Jail being charged with making a bomb threat. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has been in and out of various prisons [redacted] for at least the past ten years, but he could not comment [redacted].

[redacted] stated that on Monday evening, shortly after [redacted] had arrived, they both noticed a great deal of police activity in the vicinity of Northbrook Center, a shopping area [redacted].

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[ ] stated that he had a typewriter, but after a quick search of his apartment, was unable to locate it. [ ] denied any knowledge of persons by the names of BETTY FRIEDAN, LEON TROTSKY, KARL MARXS or LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN. [ ] also denied any knowledge of a threatening letter being sent to BETTY FRIEDAN and specifically denied that he had sent any letter to FRIEDAN or caused any such letter to be sent to her.

[ ] advised that should he be needed for any further information, he could be contacted at his apartment, home telephone number [ ]

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[redacted], Records Officer, Minnesota State  
Prison (MSP), Stillwater, Minnesota, on February 22, 1977,  
located record on [redacted] MSP number [redacted]  
FBI Number [redacted] also known as [redacted]

[redacted] This record contained the following  
information.

[redacted] was sentenced to a term of 0 - 5 years in  
[redacted] on April 24, 1972, for  
aggravated assault in that on February 26, 1972, he  
entered the ladies restroom [redacted]  
Minnesota, pushed a woman to the floor, and when she  
screamed he grabbed her by the throat, told her to shut  
up, then kicked her in the face, head, and body, and left.

The record indicates [redacted] has a ninth grade  
education [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]



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The following investigation was conducted  
by Special Agent [redacted]:

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Mankato, Minnesota, were  
contacted on March 16, 1977, and advised they are  
well acquainted with [redacted] who has been  
committed to the State Hospital at St. Peter, Minnesota,  
and subsequently spent some time [redacted]  
They said ordinarily sign-out registers are maintained  
concerning the people residing here; however, there is  
no longer any record to show when [redacted] would have  
departed Mankato for the Twin City area in late  
January 1977.

[redacted] said he believes [redacted] was in  
Mankato until late in the afternoon, January 30, 1977,  
when he left town for the Twin Cities by bus. Both  
[redacted] reviewed the letter which had been  
postmarked at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 29, 1977,  
which had been sent to BETTY FRIEDAN in New York City  
and which letter makes reference to FRIEDAN's appearance  
on February 2, 1977 at Dayton's Auditorium in Minneapolis.  
Both stated that [redacted] is "flaky," but they did not  
believe he would be capable of preparing such a letter  
as that sent to FRIEDAN. They noted [redacted] seems to  
be a volatile individual but most of his leanings seem  
to be [redacted] since [redacted]  
[redacted] but he has never expressed any type  
of anti-Jewish or anti-Marxist views as are stated in  
the questioned letter.

They stated several telephone calls have  
recently been received from [redacted] an attorney  
from the Public Defenders Office at the University  
of Minnesota, Minneapolis, representing [redacted] who  
is still being held in the County Jail at Minneapolis.  
They noted that [redacted] is attempting to intercede in  
[redacted] behalf in order that he might be released

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and returned [redacted] although neither [redacted] expressed any great desire to have this individual returned here. They also noted that [redacted] the Minnesota State Security Hospital, St. Peter, Minnesota, had apparently revoked [redacted] provisional discharge.

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Both men concluded by stating they actually did not believe that [redacted] would be capable of writing the threatening letter which had been sent to BETTY FRIEDAN in this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 22, 1977:

Detective Sergeant [redacted], Minneapolis Police Department, was contacted in regard to the current status of [redacted] advised that [redacted] is currently undergoing psychiatric evaluation at St. Peter State Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that depending upon the outcome of the psychiatric examination, [redacted] is tentatively scheduled for trial in Hennepin County District Court, Minneapolis, charged with making terroristic threats. This charge stems from his threatening comments to Dayton's employees during the morning of February 2, 1977, and in no way is based on the letter received by Ms. FRIEDAN.

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On March 22, 1977, the "Minneapolis Tribune," a daily newspaper of general circulation, reported in a copyrighted story that BETTY FRIEDAN, a spokeswoman for Feminist organizations, was scheduled to appear in Minneapolis on March 23, 1977, and speak before the Minnesota Press Club.

On March 24, 1977, inquiry at the Minnesota Press Club determined that Ms. FRIEDAN had in fact appeared and spoken without incident, and has departed the Twin Cities area.

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The following investigation was conducted  
by Special Agent [redacted] at Minneapolis,  
Minnesota:

On February 2, 1977, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) MEL DICKSTEIN was contacted and apprised of the fact that BETTY FRIEDAN had received a threatening letter, postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, and received by her at her New York City home. Mr. DICKSTEIN was shown copies of the letter, which threatened a bomb explosion at Dayton's auditorium if Ms. FRIEDAN in fact spoke before a group of local Minneapolis women on February 2, 1977 as scheduled.

AUSA DICKSTEIN advised that this would appear to be a violation of Title 18, Sections 844 (e) and 875 (c). Mr. DICKSTEIN requested that the investigation continue in an effort to identify the writer of this letter.

## memorandum

DATE: 5/4/77

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (174-1016) (C)SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
Lev Davidovich Bronstein;  
BETTY NAOMI GOLDSTEIN-FRIEDAN, aka  
Betty Friedan - VICTIM  
BOMB THREAT-EXTORTION  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (174-7445)

Re Minneapolis report of SA [ ] dated 4/1/77.

For the information of the Bureau, during March and April, 1977, the New York Office has been in periodic contact with Ms. FRIEDAN and her staff. As of 4/25/77, Ms. FRIEDAN advised that she has received no additional threatening letters, telephone calls, or any type of communication which she would describe as being threatening or obscene. Ms. FRIEDAN stated that in view of the fact that she has traveled to the Twin Cities area of Minneapolis-St. Paul on several occasions since 2/1/77 and has received no further threats, she considers the letter postmarked from St. Paul dated 1/29/77, as an isolated hoax.

Minneapolis has maintained contact with Minneapolis Police, Secret Service, and other logical sources in an attempt to identify the writer of the letter signed "LEV DAVIDOVICH BRONSTEIN" received by Ms. FRIEDAN in New York on 2/1/77. To date, no one has been identified as the writer and no positive information has been developed.

The letter and envelope which had been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting comparison and fingerprint analysis have been returned and the Laboratory was unable to develop anything of substantial lead value.

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